Community Analysis

Northern Indiana Public Service Company
Economic Development

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INDIANA COLLECTION

Portage
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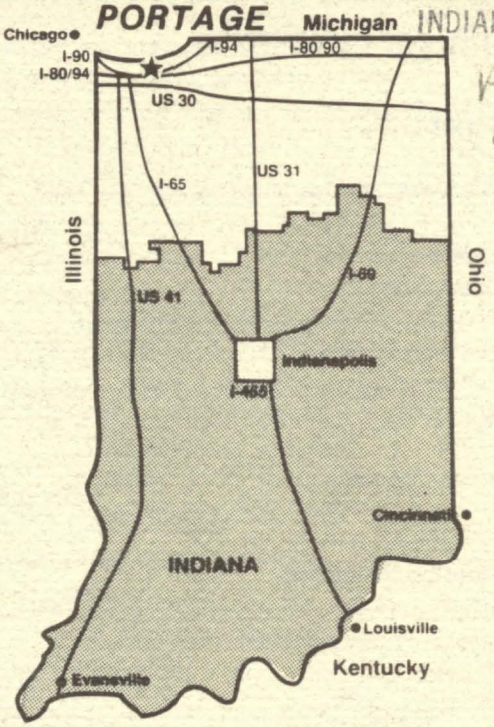
Portage, Indiana



Location

County: Porter
Distance & direction to major cities:
Chicago, Illinois (W) 50 miles
Detroit, Michigan (NE) 237 miles
Indianapolis, Indiana (S) 148 miles
Fort Wayne, Indiana (SE) 106 miles
Cincinnati, Ohio (SE) 235 miles

Population

Census Year	City	County
1970	28,371	87,114
1980	39,765	119,816
1990	40,929	128,932

Metropolitan statistical area (if any): Gary-Hammond

Climate

Annual average temperature: 48.9° F
Coldest month: January
Average temperature of: 20.1° F
Hottest month: July
Average temperature of: 72.9° F
Annual total rain: 34.66 inches
Annual total snow: 39.2 inches
Elevation: 640 feet

Government

Form & organization: Mayor-city council, clerk-treasurer, 7 councilmen
Term of office: 4 years
Current term expires: 12/31/91
Incorporated or unincorporated: Incorporated
Class (if any): 2
Area within city: 26.5 sq. miles
Annual budget: $8,097,126
Primary source of revenue: State & property tax
Streets: 107 miles
Paved: Yes
Street lights: Yes
BONDED INDEBTEDNESS (10/91)
City: $4,125,000
County: $500,000 (7-16-90)
City bond rating: AA
City net assessed valuation: $202,490,000
OTHER INDEBTEDNESS (10/91)
Sanitary District: $8,227,392
POLICE
Regular: 38
Special: Civil Defense
FIRE DEPT.
Regular: 41
Volunteer: 0
Fire insurance rating in community: 3
LAND USE
City covered by zoning ordinances: Yes
Territory covered: City
Zoning plans: Full-time zoning staff
Master plan: Yes
Annexation plans: Included in comprehensive plan
SANITATION
Sewerage treatment plant: Yes
Capacity: 3,500,000 MGD
Dry weather flow: 2,800,000 MGD
Wet weather flow: 3,500,000 MGD
Peak demand: 5,250,000 MGD
Area covered by plant: City
Sewer use charge: Yes
Storm sewers: Partial
Garbage pick-up provided: Yes, municipal
ENVIRONMENTAL ORDINANCE
Water pollution ordinance: Yes
Air pollution ordinance: Yes

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Taxes

LOCAL

Total rate within city per $100 valuation:
Portage Twp.: $9.36; *Westchester Twp.:* $8.14
Assessed at: 33-1/3%
Year payable: 1991
Total rate(s) for surrounding twp(s):
Westchester Twp.: $5.66; *Portage Twp.:* $7.24
City tax rate trend last five years:
Portage Twp.: (90)$9.40; (89)$11.38; (88)$10.89; (87)$11.22; (86)$10.67
Westchester Twp.: (90)$7.99; (89)$9.73; (88)$9.85; (87)$9.74; (86)$8.88

STATE

State retail sales tax: 5%
State gross income or adjusted gross income tax: Corporate gross income tax - 0.3% - 1.2% or adjusted gross - 3.4%; Supplemental net income tax - 4.5%
Unemployment contribution rate: .2% - 5.4%; experience rating
Benefits: $116 - $171; 26 weeks maximum (7-8-91)
Workmen's compensation rate: Employer's liability
Benefits: 66-2/3% of weekly wage; $328 maximum (7-1-91)
Exemptions: (1990)
Homestead: Up to $2,000
Veterans: Up to $6,000
Mortgage: $1,000
Industrial: $1,000 gross income
Corporate franchise tax: None
Machinery, equipment, inventory tax: Property tax
Corporate organization fee: $90.00 fee including certificate; $15.00 fee for filing annual reports

Housing

Total housing units: 10,864
No. of hotels/motels: 4
Total rooms: 479

Health & Welfare

Name of hospitals: Porter Memorial (Valparaiso)
Total no. of beds: 415
No. of doctors: 31 **No. of dentists:** 18
No. of ambulances: 3
No. of nursing homes: 2
Other special health facilities: Porter Memorial Medical-Surgical Center

Education

ELEMENTARY

No. of schools: 8 **Total enrollment:** 2,940
Grades included: K-6
Pupil to teacher ratio: 18.18
Foreign languages taught: None

MIDDLE

No. of schools: 2 **Total enrollment:** 864
Grades included: 7-8
Pupil to teacher ratio: 23.22
Foreign languages taught: (for honors students) French, German, Spanish, Latin

HIGH SCHOOLS

No. of schools: 1 **Total enrollment:** 1,797
Grades included: 9-12
Pupil to teacher ratio: 23.22
Foreign languages taught: Spanish, French, German, Latin, Chinese

GENERAL INFO

Certification requirement of teachers: Bachelor degree - Indiana license
Cost of education per pupil: $3,639.45
No. of special education facilities: 1

1990 COMBINED VERBAL & MATH SAT SCORES

Average SAT scores: 845
Average Indiana SAT scores: 867
Average national SAT scores: 897

PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS

No. of schools: 4 **Total enrollment:** 609
Grades included: K-12

PRIVATE SCHOOLS

No. of schools: 0 **Total enrollment:** 0
Grades included: 0

VOCATIONAL TRAINING FACILITIES

Portage Adult Education

COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

Liberal arts: Indiana Univ. Northwest; Purdue Calumet; St. Joseph Calumet College; Valparaiso Univ.
Engineering: Valparaiso Univ.; Purdue Calumet
Business Administration: Indiana Univ. Northwest; Valparaiso Univ.
Graduate Schools: Valparaiso Univ.; Purdue Calumet; Indiana Univ. Northwest
College research labs & institutions: None
Foreign languages taught:

Indiana Univ. Northwest: French, Spanish, German, Japanese, Latin
St. Joseph Calumet: French, Spanish
Valparaiso Univ.: French, Spanish, Latin, Greek, German, Hebrew, Japanese
Purdue Calumet: French, Spanish, German, Japanese

Civic & Recreational

MAJOR CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS
Chamber of Commerce; Federated Womens Club; Rotary; Lions; Exchange
NUMBER OF CHURCHES
Catholic: 1 **Jewish:** 0
Protestant: 19 **Other:** 27
MAIN CULTURAL ATTRACTIONS
Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore; Bailly Homestead & Chelberg Farm
LIBRARY(S)
No. of volumes: 43,841
PARKS
City: 8
State: Indiana Dunes State Park
National: Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore
THEATRES
No. of theaters: 0
GOLF COURSES
Public: 1
Private: 0
SPORTS
High school: Yes
College: Yes, Valparaiso University
Professional: Yes, Chicago
WATERWAYS
No. nearby lakes: 1
Rivers: 1

Area Resources

Ample supply of available water: Yes
Mineral resources: Sand and peat
Agricultural and forest products: Corn, soybeans, vegetables
Average annual market value of farm products sold in county: $33,273,000(1987)

Labor Market

JULY 1991 PORTER CO. LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
Present employment: 53,340
Labor force: 55,790
Unemployment rate: 4.4%
1990 PORTER CO. EMPLOYMENT PATTERNS
Total covered employment average: 44,637
Mfg. average - goods producing: 11,856
Non-mfg. average - service producing: 26,317
Government average: 6,422
1989 PORTER CO. OCCUPATIONAL WAGE SURVEY—AVERAGE HOURLY WAGES
Skilled: $15.25
Semi-skilled: $13.25
Unskilled: $10.25
Clerical: $285.00 - $405.00/wk.
GENERAL INFO
% Manufacturing workers in union: 80%
State right to work law: No

Industry

MAJOR INDUSTRIES
Enamel Products & Plating Co.
No. of employees: 130
Product: steel coil coatings
Konrady Plastics
No. of employees: 170
Product: plastic machining & fabricating
Levy Co., Inc.
No. of Employees: 325
Product: sand, gravel & slag
Metro Metals Corp.
No. of employees: 120
Product: sheet metal fabricating, tension leveling; shearing, blanking & slitting of ferrous & non-ferrous metals
National Steel Corp.
No. of employees: 1,650
Product: cold, hot rolled & galvanized steel; tin mill products
Plant openings in last five years: Regulating Control Systems; PK Engineering & Manufacturing; Steel Technologies; Beta Steel; Hunter Corporation

Utilities

ELECTRIC
Service by: Northern Indiana Public Service Co.
Total resources of system: 3,361 mw (1990)
Total system peak demand: 2,547 mw (1990)
Capacity margin: 814 mw (1990)
No. of electric generating units: 19
% Generation:
Coal-fired: 93.6% *Oil:* 0%
Nuclear: 0% *Hydro:* .6%
Natural Gas: 7% *Purchased Power:* 1.8%
Historic all-time peak usage: 2,739 mw (9-6-90)
Electric rate increase pending: No

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Utilities. . .continued

NATURAL GAS

Service by: Northern Indiana Public Service Co.
Available for industrial spaee heating: Yes
Historic all-time peak sendout: 1.55 Bcf (1-20-84)
Total Gas Deliveries: 241,465 Dekatherms (1990)
Gas rate increase pending: No
Gas storage capacity: LNG--4,000,000mcf; underground storage--6,750mcf

WATER

Service by: Gary-Hobart Water Corporation
Pumping capacity: 90,000,000 GPD
Peak demand: 58,000,000 GPD
Source: Lake Michigan
Future supply: Lake Michigan
Total hardness (parts/million): 8
Availability of water for industrial use: Ample

Transportation

HIGHWAYS

Interstate: 94, 80/90 **Distance:** 0 miles
U.S.: 20, 12 **Distance:** 0 miles
State: 49, 6 **Distance:** 0 miles
State highway load limits: 80,000 lbs. gross
Truck clearance, if any: Lowest is 13-2/3 ft.

RAIL

Conrail, Chicago South Shore and South Bend, CSX
Distance to main line: 0
Services or trips daily:
Freight: Yes *Passenger:* Yes
Reciprocal switching: Yes

TRUCK LINES

No. of lines: 6
No. of terminals: 1
Overnight service to: Major cities within 300 miles

AIR

Local airport: Gary Regional Airport
Flights per day: 6 scheduled passenger
Charter service available: Yes
Approaches: ILS, VOR/DME, NDB
Runways: 7,000 ft. primary & 3,600 ft. crosswind
Nearest major airport: Chicago, 90 min.; South Bend, 60 min.

CITY TRANSPORTATION

Inter-city bus lines: Greyhound; TriState to O'Hare & Midway Airports; Cardinal commuter service to Chicago loop
Intra-city bus lines: None

PORT FACILITIES

Burns International Harbor, 5 miles

Financial Institutions

BANKS

First National Bank; Gainer; INB Banking Company North; First Source Bank
Combined assets: $1,852,634,703

SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATIONS

Indiana Federal Savings & Loan Association; First Federal Savings Bank; Hobart Federal Savings & Loan
Combined assets: $997,637,952

CREDIT UNIONS

Midwest Steel Employees Credit Union; Regional Federal Credit Union
Combined assets: available upon request

Economic Development Services

NIPSCO's economic development services are provided free of charge and in a confidential manner.

1. *Sites & existing facilities inventory*
2. *Land, buildings & community tours*
3. *Data search on energy costs, labor & financial packages*
4. *Liaison between company & community*
5. *Community analyses for 70 communities & counties*

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